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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

107th meeting.

February 9, 1909.

President Morgan occupied the chair, but owing to the very inclement weather, only about 40 members and guests listened to Miss Ella Loraine Dorsey read her "Biographical sketch of General James Maccubbin Lingan, an original proprietor."

By request of the Board of Managers, Mr. William Henry Dennis read some extracts from an unpublished paper by the late Dr. John Frederick May entitled "The mark of the Scalpel." Both papers elicited animated discussion participated in by Messrs. Bryan, Clark, Weller, Walsh, Bundy, Mrs. Ballinger and Mrs. Beall.

108th meeting.

March 9, 1909.

The communication of the evening, "Reminiscences of the Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War," at the request of its author, Major Albert E. H. Johnson, was read by his grandson, Mr. Guy H. Johnson. The subject was discussed by Col. George C. Ellison, Justice Barnard, and Messrs. Thomas H. McKee, Zevely and Dennis.

About 75 members and guests were present, with President Morgan in the chair.

109th meeting.

April 13, 1909.

Mrs. Corra Bacon-Foster's communication dealt with "The Story of Kalorama." She briefly sketched some of the distinguished people who have lived there and described some of the events that have helped to make it famous. Mr. Weller, Mrs. Beall and Judge Bundy took part in the resulting discussion.

The presiding officer was President Morgan. There were 65 member and guests.

110th meeting.

May 11, 1909.

President Morgan in the chair. Present about 60 members and guests. President Morgan made a brief report on inci-

dents connected with the L'Enfant obsequies of the preceding month; and exhibited photographs of the lying in state of his remains in the rotunda of the capitol. Mrs. Ballinger and Dr. G. Lloyd Magruder made appropriate remarks.

Hon. Madison Davis read his communication on "The career of Montgomery Blair, particularly with reference to his services as Postmaster General of the United States." Items of interest were added by Vice-President Barnard and ex-President Kasson. Upon motion of Dr. Tindall, seconded by Judge Bundy, they were requested to commit them to writing that the information contained therein might become part of the printed record.

*111th meeting.**November 9, 1909.*

With President Morgan in the chair, 175 members and guests assembled after the summer adjournment. A gavel carved from a root of the red cedar that had marked the grave of Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant since 1825, was presented to the Society by President Morgan and accepted on behalf of the Society by Vice-President Barnard. Mr. Glenn Brown offered some brief remarks appreciative of L'Enfant and exhibited a sketch of the accepted model for his tomb at Arlington.

Mrs. Jennie W. Scudder as historian of the evening gave "The History of the Unitarian Church in the District of Columbia," which was discussed by Judge Bundy.

*112th meeting.**December 14, 1909.*

About 80 members and guests were present, with President Morgan in the chair.

The Secretary read a series of resolutions passed by the Board and sent to the President of the United States, setting forth the desire of the Society that the question of the constitutionality of the retrocession to Virginia, of that portion of the Ten Miles Square lying south of the Potomac, should be settled once and for all time. Also a resolution of the Board to have the L'Enfant gavel capped with silver and appropriately inscribed.

The communication of the evening was by Mrs. Corra Bacon-Foster on "Early Chapters in the Development of the Potomac Route to the West," Judge Bundy moved a vote of thanks.

President Morgan exhibited a letter from Dr. Upton Scott to Dr. Henry Maynadier, 20 November, 1782; L'Enfant's certificate of membership in the Society of the Cincinnati, signed by General Washington; and a list signed by Robert Pember-ton showing the proportion of medals to be distributed among the thirteen original States.